

BOISE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE IDAHO BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 27, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Noe Kemper** of **Boise High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Kemper is the fifth Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Boise High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Kemper as Idaho's best high school boys track & field player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Grant Fisher (2014-15 & 2013-14, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.).

The 5-foot-8, 150-pound senior won the 2,000-meter steeplechase event at New Balance Nationals Outdoor this past season with a state-record time of 5:43.50. Kemper also PR'd in the 800, taking fourth place at the national Brooks PR Invitational in 1:49.62, which ranked No. 10 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring. He won the 800, took second in the 1600 and shared in a 4x800 relay win at the Class 5A state meet, leading the Brave to second place as a team.

Also a club and high school soccer player, Kemper is a practiced piano player who has volunteered locally on behalf of the Bogus Basin Nordic Team with which he builds and repairs trails and coaches younger racers. A member of his school's Green Team environmental awareness club, he has also competed with the varsity speech and debate team. He has worked in the area's restaurant industry as well. "One of the hidden opportunities for distance runners competing on an ultra-dense national scene is the steeplechase," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack. "Noe Kemper discovered that in the postseason, riding his elite speed and his aerobic cross country base to one of the top steeplechase performances in high school history."

Kemper has maintained a 4.41 weighted GPA in the classroom. He will attend Dartmouth College this fall, where he will run for The Green.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Kemper joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Gatlin Bair (2022-23, Burley High School), Landon Helms (2021-22, Emmett High School), Nathan Green (2020-21, Borah High School) and Peyton Bair (2019-20, Kimberly High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.